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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REF: (A) MONROVIA 1518, (B) MONROVIA 1626, (C) MONROVIA  
1633

1. PLOT PLAN OF ROBERTSFIELD RECEIVED. REVIEW OF  
PLAN AND REFTEL RAISES QUESTIONS ON HANDLING OF PARTY  
AND PRESS DURING ACTUAL VISIT, WHICH ARE BEST ADDRESSED  
DURING PREADVANCE VISIT.

2. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR PLANNING  
PURPOSES:

A. FOUR AIRCRAFT WILL ARRIVE APRIL 3. TWO 707 PRESS  
CHARTER AIRCRAFT WILL PRECEDE PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT BY  
APPROX. 1 TO 1-1/2 HOURS TO GIVE PRESS OPPORTUNITY TO  
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PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL CEREMONY. OFFICIAL PARTY AND  
TRAVELLING STAFF WILL ARRIVE IN TWO AIR FORCE 707S, AIR  
FORCE ONE (TAIL NO. 27000) AND THE BACK-UP PLANE (26000).

B. OFFICIAL PARTY WILL NUMBER 11 PERSONS. A TOTAL OF  
ABOUT 70 PEOPLE WILL ARRIVE ON THE TWO AIR FORCE PLANES  
WITH ABOUT 40 ON AIR FORCE ONE AND 30 ON THE BACK-UP

PLANE.

C. DETAILS ON PERSONS ARRIVING IN ADVANCE OF 4/3 BEING PROVIDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. FOR PLANNING, ESTIMATE TOTAL OF 37 ARRIVING INITIALLY, WITH ANOTHER 38 PERSONS ARRIVING BETWEEN TIME ADVANCE PARTY BEGINS WORKING AND ACTUAL VISIT. NUMBERS COULD INCREASE AS DETAILS OF VISIT ARE DEFINED. ESTIMATE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

ADVANCE PARTY: LEAD PRESIDENTIAL ADVANCE - 1; LEAD PRESS ADVANCE - 1; US SECRET SERVICE ADVANCE - 7; WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS (WHCA) ADVANCE - 23; AIR FORCE ADVANCE - 1; STATE ADMINISTRATIVE ADVANCE - 1; STATE SECURITY ADVANCE - 3; TOTAL - 37.

OTHERS TO FOLLOW: STATE SECRETARIAT - 2; US SECRET SERVICE - 22; STATE SECURITY - 5; TDY COMMUNICATIONS - 2; AIR FORCE CREW OF CAR PLANE - 7; TOTAL - 38.  
NOTE THAT 22 SECRET SERVICE AND SMALL NUMBER OF STATE SECURITY PERSONNEL WILL ARRIVE IN A MILITARY AIRCRAFT ONE OR TWO DAYS PRIOR TO ACTUAL VISIT WITH PRESIDENTIAL LIMOUSINE AND WILL STAY THROUGH PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

D. A MAXIMUM OF 50 NETWORK PERSONNEL ARE ANTICIPATED PRIOR TO 4/3.

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E. AGREE THAT CONTROL ROOMS WOULD BE LOCATED IN EMBASSY DURING ADVANCE PHASE AND MOVED TO AIRPORT FOR ACTUAL VISIT.

3. PRE-ADVANCE SCHEDULE PROPOSED REFTEL B IS FINE, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE JOINTLY CONSIDERED SCENARIOS WHICH YOU MENTIONED.

4. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A SEPARATE CABLE ON OFFICIAL PARTY. SUBJECT TO DISCUSSIONS WITH PRE-ADVANCE STAFF DO NOT THINK THAT YOU SHOULD MENTION TO LIBERIAN GOVT. INCLUSION OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL DESCRIBED IN REFTEL C IN LUNCHEON. WE WANT THIS LUNCHEON TO BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PRESIDENT TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND HIS PRINCIPAL AIDES AND COLLEAGUES AND FOR THIS REASON THINK SMALLER AMERICAN REPRESENTATION MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE. VANCE

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